

20th Annual Home Builders Expo Feb. 14 and 15

What's on your list of potential home improvement projects? Would you like to replace some windows, doors or kitchen cabinets in your home? Are you thinking of re-wiring an antiquated electrical system or updating a bathroom? How about finally putting that sun porch or breakfast nook you've always wanted?

Whatever home improvement project you have in mind, your one-stop shopping and information source will be the 20th annual Home Expo, sponsored by the Home Builer's

Association of the Grand Traverse Area, Inc. (HBAGTA).

For two decades now, HBAGTA has been attracting more than 5,000 people who come to learn about a wide range of products and services relative to all aspects of home building, repair and improvement.

This year's event, which has a theme of "Start Building With Us," will again be held at East Junior High School in Traverse City on Saturday, Feb. 14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 15, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission costs are \$3

The 20th Annual Home Expo will be held at Traverse City East Junior High Saturday, Feb. 14 and Sunday, Feb. 15.

per person and \$6 for a family pass. 155 vendors from the HBAGTA's membership of more than 500 licensed builders and suppliers of building materials will be on hand to provide consultation, demonstrate products and lead free seminars.

Doug Lape, Chief Executive Officer for HBAGTA says that whether you're a doer or a dreamer,

seasoned with home improvement skills or a


novice, there is something for everyone at the Expo.

"If you're planning on doing anything on a house, then this is a great opportunity to take a mid-winter break and start your planning," said Lape. "This is an annual event for many people from the area because there really is something for everyone. No matter what you might be thinking of doing, you're bound to find a resource there for it."

That means that vendors will include builders, landscapers, painters, plumbers, electricians, remodelers, pool and spa companies, bankers and more. If you want to look a new cabinets, windows, lighting fixtures or a host of other cutting edge product, you can find them at the Expo.

"Our vendors take part in the Expo to show support to the Home Builder's Association and to share their business with the public and other industry professionals," said Lape. "It's very much a social event that brings a lot of different builders and homeowners together, and it's totally geared for families. The cafeteria will be open for concessions and on Saturday, we'll have a bloodmobile from the



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